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In re Application of:

MEADE, et al.

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ELECTRON TRANSFER

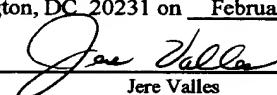
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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This response to the Final Action dated August 13, 2001 is filed in conjunction with an RCE and appropriate fees and also with a Petition for Extension of time for three months, along with necessary fees, thereby making this a timely response. Applicants believe that no other fees are due at this time. However, if the Commissioner determines otherwise, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, including any extension fees, or other relief which maybe required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our Order No. A-58762-9/ RMS/RMK/DLR).

Please consider the remarks set forth.

**REMARKS**

Claims 12-25 are pending and under consideration in this case. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the acceptance of the Terminal Disclaimer, the withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection and the approval of formal drawings filed on May 14, 2001.